

Remarks

Responsive to the requirement for restriction, applicants elect Group I, claims 12-27, 29 and 30, drawn to a method, with traverse.

It is believed that the requirement is improper and should be withdrawn, for the following reasons:

1. Claim 28 is exactly coextensive in scope with claim 12.

2. There is no way to practice the method of claim 12 without producing the product of claim 28.

3. The plasma product of claim 28 cannot be produced by a method other than that of claim 12.

4. There is thus not even one-way distinctness, much less two-way distinctness, between the groups of claims.

5. No evidence particular to this application, is offered in the Official Action, in support of the requirement for restriction. The material given on pages 2-4 of the Official Action does not pertain to the present application in particular, except as to the cited reference, U.S. Patent 6,867,285, which does not meet either claim 12 or claim 28. Therefore, claims 12 and 28 both have the same special technical features that distinguish them from the cited reference.

In view of the foregoing, therefore, an action on the merits of all of the claims is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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